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SUBJECT: PRC WHEAT PURCHASES

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1. CURRENT CONTACT WITH AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD CALLS FOR 1 MILLION METRIC TONS PLUS OR MINUS 5 PERCENT FOR SHIPMENT DECEMBER 1, 1972 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1973. SHIPMENTS TO JULY 1, 1973 TOTALLED 324,000 METRIC TONS, LEAVING 676,000 TONS FOR SHIPMENT JULY/NOVEMBER. BOARD HAS NOT RAISED QUESTION OF OVERAGE AS WITH CURRENT PRICES EXERCISE 5 PERCENT OPTION AT EARLIER CONTRACT PRICE SIGNIFICANT LOSS INVOLVED. HOWEVER BOARD ASSUMES PRC WILL EXERCISE OPTION WHICH MEANS ADDITIONAL 50,000 TONS TO BE SHIPPED CURRENT YEAR.

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2. PRC TRADE DELEGATION CURRENTLY VISITING AUSTRALIA AND DIS-

CUSSIONS WITH WHEAT BOARD ON LONG TERM CONTRACT EXPECTED
TOMORROW. DORMAN OFFER 1 MILLION TONS FOR SHIPMENT DECEMBER/
NOVEMBER 73/74.

3. WHEAT BOARD UNDERSTANDS CANADA HAS STILL 522,000 TONS TO SHIP
UNDER CURRENT CONTRACT AS OF JULY 1. ESTIMATES ON BASIS OF
CURRENT PERFORMANCE OF ABOUT 125,000 TONS PER MONTH CANADIAN
WHEAT BOARD MAY NEGOTIATE CONTRACT WITH PRC FOR NOVEMBER/
OCTOBER 1973/74 OF ABOUT 1.5 MILLION TONS.
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